

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region

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Kevin Canada East Bay Municipal Utility District 24235 North Cord Road Clements, CA 95227

NOTICE OF VIOLATION, UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE, EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Central Valley Water Board staff has reviewed a 16 February 2009 East Bay Municipal Utility District (Discharger) report of an unauthorized discharge of groundwater from a dewatering project to Goose Creek. The Discharger states that the unauthorized discharge was estimated at approximately 25,500 gallons. The spill occurred when resulted when groundwater that was being discharged onto a field flowed into a drainage ditch. The ditch had been constructed around the perimeter of the field to drain storm water runoff into the creek. The spill to creek was stopped after the dewatering well pumps were shut off and an earthen dyke was constructed. The Discharger stated that prior to any further discharges to the fields; their contractor would be required to submit written plans as to the volume of the discharge, the location of the discharge hoses, and the method for preventing any discharges to surface waters.

East Bay Municipal Sewer District has violated Resolution No. R5-2008-0070 as follows:

- Prohibition No. 1 of the Resolution states: "Discharge of extracted groundwater to surface waters or surface water drainage courses is prohibited."
- Prohibition No. 3 of the Resolution states: "Bypass or overflow of extracted groundwater from any land application or disposal area is prohibited."

By **1 June 2009** please provide a copy of the written plans as described above to ensure that future unauthorized discharges do not occur. Please be advised that failure to comply with the conditions of the Resolution could result in additional enforcement actions, including an Administrative Civil Liability (fines). Water Board staff is evaluating whether additional enforcement is necessary at this time.

California Environmental Protection Agency

If you have any questions regarding this notice of violation, please contact Guy Childs at (916) 464-4648.

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